Piped LPG Supply in Bombay

1757. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to give piped LPG supply to the users in Bombay city;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the areas in Bombay that will be covered by this project; and

(d) by when this project is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) There is no proposal at present to give piped LPG to the users in Bombay City.

Setting up Petrol Pumps between Sion and Thane

1758. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that between Sion and Thane on the Eastern Express Highway of Bombay there is no Petrol Pump;

(b) whether it is a fact that setting up of a Petrol Pump on this stretch of the Highway will prove very useful to the motorists;

(c) what steps are being taken to set up the petrol pump; and

(d) what are the exact details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the rules of Express Highway, no petrol pump can be opened unless a parallel service road is available. There is no service road in the Sion—Thane stretch. In view of this, there is no plan or possibility of setting up a petrol pump there at present.

Waiting List for LPG Connections in Bombay

1759. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long waiting list for LPG connections in Bombay city;

(b) since when applications are on the waiting list;

(c) what is the total number of waitlisted applications of Bombay city; and

(d) what steps are being taken to give new connections to the applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) As on 1.10.1993, there were 3.3 lakhs of applicants on the waiting list in Bombay. The waiting period for new LPG connections depends upon the number of persons on the waiting list with the distributor and also the annual programme for enrolment of new customers.

(d) Higher LPG production is planned by increasing the capacity of existing production sources and by putting up new plants and augmenting the supplies through imports.

Oil Exploration in Cauvery Basin

1760. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount was spent in exploring oil in the Cauvery basin as on March, 1993;

(b) what is the quantum of crude oil so far produced in this area; and

(c) what are the new areas.' explored for oil in Tamil Nadu/